

## Maine Revised Statutes

### Title 12: CONSERVATION

#### Chapter 927: GUIDES AND YOUTH CAMP TRIP

**LEADERS HEADING: PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (new);  
Pt. D, §7 (aff); c. 614, §9 (aff); PL 2009, c. 211. Pt. B, §33**

#### **§12853. LICENSE, FEES AND REQUIREMENTS; YOUTH CAMP TRIP LEADER EXCEPTION**

**1. Prohibition.** Except as provided in subsection 7, a person may not act as a guide without a valid license issued under this chapter.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §316 (AMD); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

**2. Penalty.** A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class D crime for which the court shall impose a sentencing alternative involving a term of imprisonment of 3 days, none of which may be suspended. The court shall also impose a fine of \$1,000, none of which may be suspended. A person violates subsection 1 each day that person acts as a guide without a valid license issued under this chapter.

[ 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §316 (AMD); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

**3. New applications.** A person wishing to be licensed as a guide shall submit an application to the commissioner.

A. The commissioner shall provide application forms that request all relevant information the commissioner considers necessary. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

B. Failure or refusal to satisfactorily answer any question in the application is a basis for the commissioner not to accept the application. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

C. The commissioner shall decide whether the application is acceptable within 5 working days of receipt. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

D. The commissioner shall notify each applicant at least 2 weeks prior to the examination required under section 12855. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

[ 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

**4. Qualifications.** In order to qualify for a guide license, a person must:

A. Be at least 18 years of age; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

B. Pass the guide examination in accordance with section 12855; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

C. If a first-time applicant, be currently certified in first aid through completion of any standard first aid course that meets the criteria established by rule of the commissioner; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

D. If not a first-time applicant, submit satisfactory evidence, as determined by the commissioner, of having held a guide license in this State; and [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

E. Meet all requirements established by rules of the commissioner. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

For purposes of this subsection, "first-time applicant" means an applicant who has not previously been issued a guide license in this State.

[ 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

**5. Fee.** The fee for a 3-year guide license is \$81.

[ 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §30 (AMD) .]

**6. Term of license.** A guide license entitles a person to act as a guide through December 31st of the 2nd complete year following the year of issuance.

[ 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

**7. Exception.** A person holding a youth camp trip leader permit under section 12860 may, without a guide license, conduct trips including adults under the auspices of the youth camp that employs those adults, subject to all the requirements of section 12860.

[ 2009, c. 211, Pt. B, §11 (AMD) .]

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